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Ref: 14-F-0444

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Dear Mr. Kaye:

This is the final response to your February 9, 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on February 10, 2014 and assigned it case number 14-F-0444. The Appeals Office remanded your request to this office on June 14, 2016 to conduct a re-review of records. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USDI), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted a review of their records. Mr. Garry P. Reid, Director for Defense Intelligence (Intelligence and Security) in his capacity as an Initial Denial Authority for the USDI, has determined that some of the information is exempt from release pursuant to Exemption 1 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), which pertains to information that is currently and properly classified in the interest of national security pursuant to Executive Order 13526, as amended, applying Section 1.4(c) concerning the protection of Intelligence activities (including covert action), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology; (d) concerning the protection of Foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources.

Furthermore, USDI identified potentially responsive documents that fall under the purview of the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM). As CENTCOM operates its own FOIA/PA office, your request has been referred to CENTCOM for review and direct response to you. For your convenience, the contact information for their FOIA office is provided below:

U.S. Central Command  
CCJ6-RDF (FOIA)  
7115 South Boundary Blvd  
MacDill AFB, FL 33621-5510

In this instance fee for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Darrell Williams, at 571-372-0462 or by email at [OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil). Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to

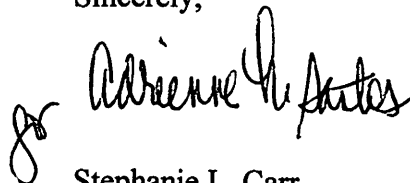
requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
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Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to [OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil). If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 14-F-0444 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Kris Zdrovitz, [kristine.l.zdrovitz.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kristine.l.zdrovitz.civ@mail.mil) or 571-372-0465.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie L. Carr". To the left of the signature is a small, stylized mark that looks like a lowercase "g" or "j" with a dot.

Stephanie L. Carr  
Chief

Enclosures:  
As stated.